



Algonquins of Ontario



The Isles Project

Algonquin Naming Opportunity

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In December 2013, Windmill Development Group signed an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for lands previously held by Domtar on the City of Ottawa's Albert and Chaudière Islands and in downtown Gatineau. Through historically and environmentally sensitive redevelopment, Windmill, one of Canada's greenest developers, plans to reinvent the area into a vibrant, world-class, sustainable, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use community.

From the outset, Windmill has been committed to plan and develop a world-class sustainable community with a unique character and sense of place that is integrated with the surrounding landscape. The transformed Domtar lands will also provide public viewpoints to sections of the Kichissippi (Ottawa River) that have been closed off for nearly 200 years.

The site of the Isles Project is of particular importance to the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) due to its proximity to Chaudière Falls and Victoria Island, both of which have been sacred gathering places for Algonquins since time immemorial. Windmill recognizes the importance of this site to the Algonquin people and is embracing the opportunity to actively and meaningfully engage the AOO throughout the planning and development process. Together, we are working to find ways to raise public awareness of Algonquin heritage and culture as well as avenues to achieve mutually beneficial economic partnerships.

Seeking Your Ideas!

Windmill Developments is asking the AOO for ideas for the overall community name of the Isles Project, as well as place and street names within the community. This naming process may also provide valuable insights into Algonquin commemoration efforts to be developed in the future.

Submissions made by the AOO will be considered alongside the many other submissions received through Windmill's Naming Contest, which closed on June 30, 2014. The opportunity to participate in the naming of a major development in Canada's capital, and within the heartland of Algonquin Traditional Territory, is another step forward in our journey to bring visibility to the Algonquin people as well as our distinct heritage and culture.

Submit your ideas by Friday, September 12, 2014 to your local Algonquin Negotiation Representative or to the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office toll free at 1-855-735-3759 or 613-735-3759 or by email at algonquins@nrtco.net.

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